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Claim Priority:

Priority is claimed to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/083,097 filed February 26, 2002 "Stapling and Cutting in Resectioning for Full Thickness Resection Devices" which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/727,051, filed November 30, 2000, entitled "Stapling and Cutting in Resectioning for Full Thickness Resection Devices". The entire disclosure of these prior applications, from which a copy of the declaration, power of attorney and assignment supplied, are considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and are hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein.

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